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To: Common Line Pool Members

Subject: ICLS and LTS "Use" Certification Due by **June 30, 2003**

Rate-of-return carriers, and competitive carriers (CETCs) serving in the service area of a rate-of-return carrier, must file a self-certification with the FCC and with USAC by June 30th of each year. The certification must state that all Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) and Long Term Support (LTS) provided to each carrier will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by section 54.904 of the FCC's rules. This year's certification, which may be in the form of a letter from an authorized representative for the carrier and must clearly reference CC Docket No. 96-45, must be **received** by USAC and the FCC no later than **June 30, 2003**.

A sample self-certification letter is available at NECA's *Forms Online* Internet web page: https://www.neca.org/ssl_media/ICLSCertSample.pdf. We are planning to make the sample letter file available in Microsoft® Word™ format to make it easy to use on your company's letterhead.

Last year, USAC posted on its web site a list of companies whose first-time certifications had been properly received. We will monitor USAC's web site if it repeats the on-line tracking process this year. Please send a FAX copy of your certification to your NECA Region office at the time you mail your submission to the FCC and USAC. To help assure 100 percent compliance by NECA companies, NECA Region Member Service teams will follow up with companies that have not faxed a copy by June 20, 2003.

If you need assistance in meeting this requirement, please contact your Region Member Service team.

Sincerely,

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